

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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LINCOLN  
DIRECTOR, GUATEMALA

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(ALL ADDRESSEES)

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FOR ONTRUCH AND HEGARTY  
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1. DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA, GUAT 6 MAY, CARRIES BANNER HEADLINE ABOVE MASTHEAD "REBELS OF CHIQUIMULA IN CONNECTION WITH CASTILLO ARMAS", GIVING AGRICULTURE DEPT STORY, BLAMING LOCAL INCIDENT APPARENTLY CAUSED BY LAND DISTRIBUTION ON ARMAS PROMISE EARLY ARMED UPRISING, ALSO CLAIMING CAPTURE CLANDESTINE RADIO WHICH ALLEGEDLY REPORTED INCIDENT BEFORE IT HAPPENED. OTHER GUAT PAPERS PARTLY REPEATING ABOVE STORY.
2. LINCOLN CONSIDERS ABOVE MAJOR PART GUAT GOVERNMENT PROVOCATION PLAN, ALSO INCLUDING NEWS ITEMS ALLEGING SECRET RADIO CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE UPRISING. DUTY ALL OUR ASSETS DEFEATING PROVOCATION, PREVENTING ANY PREMATURE BLOODSHED, WITHOUT DISCOURAGING GROWING POPULAR UNREST GUAT.
3. HEGARTY TO DISCUSS ABOVE IMMEDIATELY CALLIGERIS. EVEN THOUGH HE MAY HAVE ALREADY ISSUED PUBLIC DENIAL ABOVE STORY, CONSIDER ESSENTIAL HE EMPHASIZE:
  - (A) FULLY SYMPATIZES WITH CAMPESINOS IN CHIQUIMULA, FIGHTING COMMUNIST BUREAUCRACY, EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT ADVISE THEIR ACTI
  - (B) EXPOSES STORY AS TYPICAL COMMUNIST PROVOCATION, PROOF GOVERNMENT GETS PANICKY;

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(C) EXHORTS PEOPLE EXPOSE ALL PROVOCATIONS, MAINTAIN  
DISCIPLINE, AWAIT FURTHER WORD FOR POPULAR MASS ACTION  
AGAINST ARBENZ DICTATORSHIP;

(D) MAY ALSO CHALLENGE GOVERNMENT TO EXHIBIT ALLEGEDLY  
CAPTURED CLANDESTINE RADIO.

USE ALL OUTLETS. POUCH TEXT LING FOR SHERWOOD, HQS FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.

4. GUAT TO BRIEF ESSENCE, OTHER ASSETS AS PER PARA TWO, RIDICULE PHONY  
RADIO CAPTURE STORY.

END OF MESSAGE